

CLAIMS

What is Claimed Is:

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1. A toe protector to be worn on the foot of a patient, the toe protector comprising:

a tubular double-walled body wherein radially inner and outer walls define an interstitial space;

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a substance filling said interstitial space;

a distal end defining an opening in the body for exposing a distal end portion of the patient's big toe;

a proximal opening in the body for insertion of the patient's big toe;

said body proximal end including an elongate flap for covering at least a

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portion of the metatarsophalangeal joint.

2. A toe protector according to claim 1, further including a strap for securing said body to the patient's foot.

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3. A toe protector according to claim 1, wherein said elongate flap defines a recess defined by a concave surface.

4. A toe protector according to claim 1, further including at least one air vent defined by said double-walled body.

5. A toe protector according to claim 1, wherein said substance is a gel.

6. A toe protector according to claim 1, wherein said substance is liquid.

7. A toe protector according to claim 6, wherein said liquid is water.

8. A toe protector to be worn on the foot of a patient, the toe protector comprising:

a tubular double-walled body wherein radially inner and outer walls define an interstitial space therebetween;

a substance filling said interstitial space;

a distal end defining an opening in the body for exposing a distal end portion of the patient's big toe;

a proximal opening in the body for insertion of the patient's big toe;

said body proximal end including an elongate flap for covering at least a portion of the metatarsophalangeal joint;

said elongate flap having a surface disposed generally adjacent to the patient's foot, said surface having a concave portion disposed in covering relation with a sore on the patient's foot.

9. A toe protector according to claim 8, further including a strap for securing said body to the foot of a patient.

10. A toe protector according to claim 8, wherein said substance
5 comprises a gel.

11. A toe protector according to claim 8, wherein said substance is liquid.

10 12. A toe protector according to claim 11, wherein said liquid is water.

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